

Veterans Benefits for National Guard Service Members and Dependents

An Overview covering

” Status

” Eligibility criteria

- . VA; VHA, VBA, NCA
- . TRICARE
- . Retirement
- . Survivor Benefit Program (SBP)

Definition of Titles

- “ The United States Code (U.S.C.) is a compilation and codification of the general and permanent federal law of the United States.
- “ It contains 51 titles. These titles legislate who is entitled to what.
 - . Title 10 covers the Armed Forces (Active Duty);
 - . Title 32 covers the National Guard; and
 - . Title 38 covers Veterans Benefits.
- “ <http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text>

National Guard Eligibility - VHA

- . No Title 10 (AD) service ...*and*
- . No Service Connection ...*means*
- . No VA Health Care eligibility

- . Prior Service AD ...*or*
- . Service Connection ...*means*
- . Possible VA Health Care eligibility

National Guard Eligibility - VBA

“ Home Loan Guaranty

- . 6 years of honorable service, *or*
- . Mobilized for AD for 90 days, *or*
- . Discharged because of SC disability

“ GI Bill: MGIB, Chapters 1606, 1607, 33; REAP

“ Disability Compensation

- . Condition incurred or aggravated during AD and Active Duty for Training (ADT) ...*or*
- . Disabilities due to heart attack, stroke, or injury during inactive duty training (drill)

Can someone be in the National Guard and receive VA disability?

Yes,*however* NG service members may not collect VA disability benefits for the number of days in which military pay was received.

At the end of the fiscal year, VA and the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) will identify individuals receiving both military pay and VA disability compensation. VA will then notify these soldiers or airmen to complete VA Form 21-8951 to obtain an election by the individual. The service member is required to report the specific number of days for which he or she received training pay and also to elect which department's pay to waive. **In most instances, it will be to the soldier's and airman's advantage to waive VA benefits and keep military training pay.**

National Guard Eligibility – VBA

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” Life Insurance

- . SGLI* – Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance
- . VGLI – Veterans’ Group Life Insurance
- . FSGLI* – Family SGLI
- . SGLI-TIP* – Traumatic Injury Protection
- . SDVI – Service Disabled Veterans’ Insurance
- . VMLI – Veterans’ Mortgage Life Insurance

Additional eligibility requirements may apply.

*Active NG membership

National Guard Eligibility – NCA

” Burial and Memorial Benefits

- . Burial flag

- ” Served their initial obligation

- ” Discharged for incurred disability

- ” Died while a member of Selected Reserve

- . Headstones, Markers, Medallions

- . Interment in North Dakota Veterans Cemetery

- ” www.ndguard.com Under Benefits tab

- ” Enlisted eligibility - completion of at least one term of enlistment. Officers eligibility - at least four years of service. Discharge shown as: "Honorable", "Under Honorable Conditions" or "General".

TRICARE

- ” Military Health Network
- ” West Region contracted to United Healthcare Military and Veterans effective 1 April 2013
- ” Eligibility requires AD or NG membership or retirement (length of service or medical) or surviving dependents of same; determined by Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).
 - . TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Prime Remote
 - . TRICARE Standard and Extra
 - . TRICARE Reserve Select, TRICARE Retired Reserve
 - . TRICARE Young Adult

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National Guard Retirement Eligibility

- “ 20 years length of service
 - . Receipt begins at age 60
- “ Medical retirement with less than 20 years
- “ NGB Form 22 – Report of Separation and Record of Service (NG Discharge)
- “ Eligibility for VHA and VBA?
 - . See Slide 3.

National Guard Survivor Benefit Program

- “ Eligibility when meeting retirement criteria
- “ Variety of elections and coverages
- “ Spouse must concur
- “ Payment comes out of retirement check
- “ Inexpensive means of providing a surviving spouse a guaranteed life-time income after service member's death
- “ Refer survivor to local armory

Other information that is good to know, but I didn't know where to put it

” DD Form 214 – Certificate of Release or Discharge;

- . may have from Prior Service,
- . Basic Training and AIT for NG – ADT

” NG member mobilized for OIF/OEF/OND, DS/DS, Korean Conflict,

- . Bona fide, qualified, certified Title 10, Active Duty Veteran
- . DD Form 214 should not indicate ADT

Summary

- “ NG service, no AD, not ill or injured during military duty**, not retired
 - . House (COE)
 - . Interment (ND Vet Cemetery)
- “ NG service, AD, not ill or injured**, not retired
 - . ↑ + possible VHA
- “ NG service, no AD, not ill or injured**, retired
 - . House, Interment, TRICARE, Retirement pay
- “ NG service, no AD, ill or injured**, retired
 - . House, Interment, TRICARE, Ret pay, possible VA disability comp and health care

Gee, Marilyn, this is a lot of information about the military and I don't think I'll remember a lot of it and I'm not sure I should have to.

WHO CAN I CALL?

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